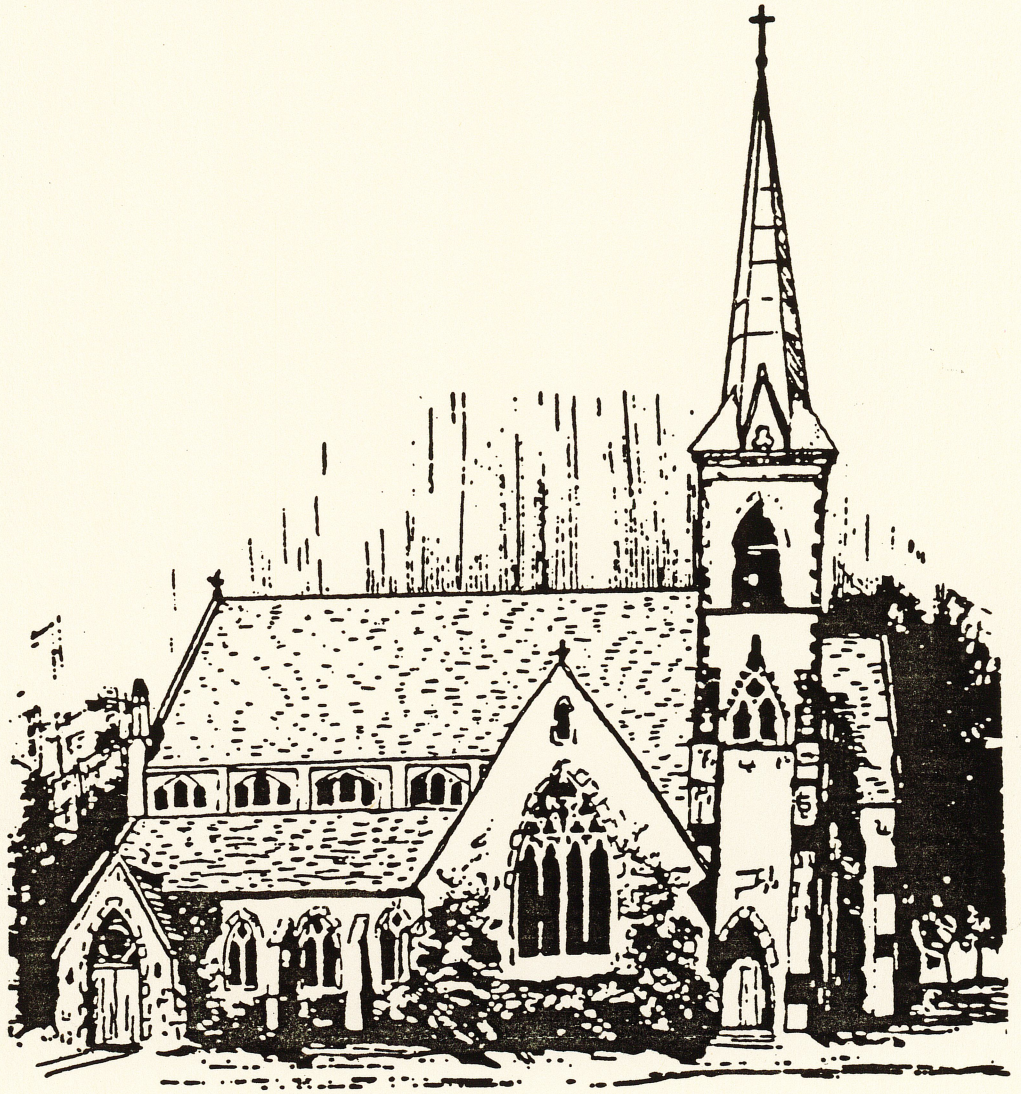
A Book of Greetings & Congratulations

Trinity Anglican Church

BISHOP STRACHAN MEMORIAL



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Greetings and Congratulations

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THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
LA GOUVERNEURE GÉNÉRALE

RIDEAU HALL
OTTAWA

It is a pleasure to send greetings as you celebrate the 125th anniversary of Trinity Anglican Church in Cornwall.

All of Ontario has good reason to recall the achievements of the Right Reverend John Strachan, in whose memory parishioners dedicated the church in 1875.

Before he became Rector of Trinity in the early 19th Century, John Strachan founded Cornwall Collegiate and Vocational School and tested the ideas that later became central to education in Upper Canada. His roles as a founder of King's College (later the University of Toronto) and of Trinity College distinguish him as a pioneer in education in this country.

As the first Bishop of Toronto, John Strachan championed Anglican perspectives and traditions which resonate to this day. His support of such initiatives as laymen participating in church governance, the election of bishops and the calling of the first Lambeth Conference in 1867 has left his lasting mark on the Church.

May the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the building of Trinity Anglican Church inspire in all who attend a rededication to ideals which informed the life of Bishop John Strachan.

Adrienne Clarkson

September 2000

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO
LA LIEUTENANTE GOUVERNEURE DE L'ONTARIO

September 2000

I am very pleased to send greetings to the congregation of Trinity Anglican Church as you celebrate the 125th anniversary of the building of your church in Cornwall.

Historically, houses of worship have served to unite communities, providing a common place for all to meet and share their faith. You have worshipped in this building for 125 years, another remarkable milestone in the more than two hundred years that your community has endured.

In the name of The Queen, I congratulate the congregation of Trinity Anglican Church. You continue a strong tradition established by those who first worshipped here and I wish you many more years of fellowship in Cornwall.

Hilary M. Weston

PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to everyone marking the 125th anniversary of the Trinity Anglican Church.

For 125 years, the congregation of the Trinity Anglican Church has gathered in prayer and mutual understanding. This revered place of worship has come to symbolize the timelessness of faith and the eternal quest for a higher purpose. As you join together in celebration, you may take great pride in the heritage of your spiritual community.

Please accept my best wishes for peace and happiness, now and always.

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The Venerable Ross Moulton
Archdeacon of Cornwall
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Dear Archdeacon Moulton,

As the Member of Parliament for Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh, I am pleased to extend to you and to the parisheners of Trinity Anglican Church my warmest congratulations on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the opening of the present Trinity Anglican Church in Cornwall.

Committed and dedicated to the spiritual well-being of its parisheners, Trinity Anglican Church has grown, developed and bore fruits during the past one hundred and twenty-five years. I am confident that Trinity Anglican Church will continue to be a source of pride and comfort to all its worshipers in the years to come.

Once again, my congratulations on your 125th anniversary and my best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

Bob Kilger

Bob Kilger, M.P.

HOUSE OF COMMONS
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CANADA

Bob Kilger,

Member of Parliament for the riding of Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh, is pleased to congratulate

Trinity Anglican Church

on the occasion of its

125th anniversary

Bob Kilger

September 2000

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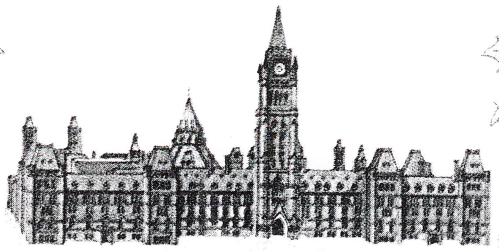

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Greetings from the Premier

TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH
CORNWALL
1875 - 2000

On behalf of the Government of Ontario,
I am pleased to extend greetings to the
Trinity Anglican Church in Cornwall as you celebrate
the 125th anniversary of your congregation.

For over a century, the Trinity Anglican Church
has played a meaningful role in the growth and spiritual life
of the Cornwall community. This milestone reflects that
contribution, as well as the faith and dedication of your
members — both past and present.

I send my best wishes to everyone marking
this very special occasion.

The Honourable Michael D. Harris
Premier of Ontario

September 10, 2000

Province of Ontario

Trinity Anglican Church
Cornwall

As the Member of the Legislative Assembly for
Stormont, Dundas & Charlottenburgh
it is my distinct honour to extend
my congratulations on the occasion
of the 125th anniversary of the opening of
Trinity Anglican Church of Cornwall.

Members of Trinity Anglican Church of Cornwall
have provided long and distinguished service
to our community over the past 125 years.

With respect and admiration
for present and past members,
I wish you all the best in the years to come.

John Cleary, MPP
Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh

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September 10, 2000

The Venerable Ross Moulton
Archdeacon of Cornwall

On behalf of the City of Cornwall and my colleagues on City Council, I want to congratulate ***Trinity Anglican Church*** on the occasion of its ***125th Anniversary.***

Trinity Anglican Church, in serving its faithful, celebrates both the important role it has played in the spiritual lives of the parish families, and its prominent role in the heritage of Cornwall.

Built with dark limestone from Cornwall quarries, the "new" Trinity was described by a reporter of the Canadian Illustrated News as a ***"beautiful stone church...erected to the memory of Bishop Strachan."***

From its founding to present day, Trinity Anglican Church has served its parishioners in times of great joy and happiness, and has provided hope and comfort in times of sorrow.

On this occasion, we also celebrate the great works of Trinity Anglican Church in our community. Trinity has always extended its helping hand to those in times of need and continues to serve as a rendezvous for many social and service organizations in our City.

Congratulations to all those who have helped in recognizing Trinity Anglican Church's 125th Anniversary.

Sincerely,

Brian Sylvester
Mayor

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Message from the Primate
To the People of Trinity Anglican Church
Cornwall, Ontario

An anniversary is always a time to reflect, to celebrate, to look ahead. If it is an anniversary of a marriage, we will take out the wedding pictures, talk about the highs and lows; we will go out for dinner, or celebrate it with family and friends; and we will speak of years to come, goals we have set, the hopes we have for ourselves or our children.

The anniversary of a parish family is not substantially different. It is an occasion to reflect: "What have we learned from the past?" It is a time to celebrate: "What is happening in our life together that brings us joy?" And it provides an opportunity to look ahead: "Where is God calling us? What dreams are we being called to realize?"

Sometimes, a congregation is tempted to retreat from the world around it, to look inwards and think, "We are about the things of God, not the things of this world." Then there is no sense of real mission, let alone of the purposes of God. Scripture says "For God so loved the *world*..." And we find that we experience our life in God as much in the world as we do in the Church. Be alive to this truth which has guided the followers of Jesus from the earliest days. Continue to gather in faith, worship God in love and gratitude and engage the world, in your own community and beyond, with conviction and compassion in the name of Christ.

You have cause for celebration. Your 125-year history at Trinity is one that is rich and alive. I know that personally as for part of your history, my father-in-law and mother-in-law, Wilfred and Phyllis Bradley, served with you in ministry. I hope there will be a wide rejoicing in the whole community. May you continue as a family alive to God and to God's world. I wish you every blessing.

Yours faithfully,

+Michael

Michael G. Peers
Archbishop and Primate

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THE ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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July, 2000

The Parish of Trinity Anglican Church, Cornwall

My dear friends:

As the community of Christ's followers at Trinity, Cornwall, God has been good to you over these past one hundred and twenty five years.

This book enables you to know more about your Church history. May this information be used to strengthen your unity as a parish and diocesan family and to faithfully carry out your commitment to God.

I pray that God will continue to bless us all and empower us continually with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live the life God has given to us.

May God continue to bless you and uphold you, with love, peace and joy. I remain yours faithfully.

Blessings always,

+ P. E. O'Driscoll

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The Right Reverend Peter R. Coffin • Bishop of Ottawa

Congratulations
Trinity (Bishop Strachan Memorial) Church, Cornwall

Dear Friends:

Congratulations on the 125th anniversary of your present Church building, a place of beauty and historic significance not only in Cornwall but in the Diocese of Ottawa. This time, however, gives us an opportunity to celebrate something of greater significance than the present building for it is but an outward and visible sign of long and devout faithfulness in this area to the Gospel of our Lord since the early days of British North America.

Your parish is undoubtedly the oldest in the Diocese of Ottawa, established as the Parish of Trinity in 1787 though a mission to united Empire Loyalists had been in place since 1784. What really astounds me, however, is that your parish has, in fact, been a part of six dioceses: London, England (est.603), which was responsible for all Anglicans outside of the British Isles until the establishment of the Diocese of Nova Scotia (1787), Quebec (1793), Toronto (1853), Ontario (1862) and Ottawa (1896). Your first resident Rector, appointed in 1803, was The Rev. John Strachan, who was not only the first Bishop of Toronto but a significant figure in many aspects of Upper Canada. What is less known is the fact that he took on the Church of England by demanding that the clergy and people together take council in a synodical system thereby taking authority and responsibility for the mission of the Church in Canada. It is unusual but fitting that your parish should also bear his name in memorial.

As Bishop Strachan felt it appropriate, even essential, for God's people in a place to have the primary responsibility for the Gospel Mission in that place, hopefully we feel the same. With the Church of the Good Shepherd (est.1886) and other brother and sister Christians in the area you are the best witnesses to the Blessed Trinity in Cornwall. Having said that we know that the Gospel then goes out well beyond the neighbourhood and so there are others that rejoice in being in this partnership with you.

There is something historic about this time for you but it is well to remember that history is about community and personal stories. Like those who have gone before, our stories have been entwined with the life and Spirit of Jesus. The times may have been different but that has always been the same - the golden thread. May we, therefore, be faithful in our time so that others may be so in theirs. Indeed the Kingdom is within and amongst us but there is work yet to be done until it is "on earth as it is in heaven".

God bless you - indeed may God bless us all - as we celebrate the past and present with a sure and certain hope for the glorious future of the fulness of grace.

Your brother in Jesus our Lord.
+Peter
Bishop of Ottawa

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July 20, 2000

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Dear Friends in Christ:

It is a great honour for me to hold a small place in the history of Trinity Anglican Church, and I shall always have fond memories of ministry in Cornwall. I am very pleased to extend to you hearty congratulations on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of your church building, and, on behalf of the Cathedral family, to offer happy greetings and very best wishes to you all.

Yours in Christ,

The Very Reverend Shane Parker
Dean of Ottawa and Rector

The Very Reverend Shane A. D. Parker
Dean of Ottawa and Rector

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Archdeacon of Cornwall

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September 10, 2000

Dear Friends in Trinity Parish, Cornwall

Today we celebrate the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the building of the fine structure we call our parish home. It is a happy and significant coincidence that this year we have seen a major portion of the ongoing restoration work on our church completed. While there is still work to do we can see and enjoy the results of many months of planning, labour, and fund raising. The restoration of the interior of the church, this summer, renews and preserves a worship space that is true to the style in which this building was created. Your efforts in this massive restoration project insure the preservation of what is truly one of Cornwall's architectural jewels.

It is for me a profound privilege to be rector and pastor of Trinity Church, Cornwall, at this moment in its history. It is indeed humbling to stand among a succession of clergy who include John Strachan in whose memory Trinity Church is dedicated. Strachan arrived in Cornwall at the dawning of the nineteen century and was a profound force in the shaping of the religious and educational life of Upper Canada. It is not an exaggeration to recognize Trinity Parish as the cradle which nurtured much of society and life in Ontario. Trinity Parish, during the life of our present building, has been served by sixteen rectors. Nine of those incumbents have also served as Archdeacon of Cornwall. It is an awesome trust that we inherit as leaders in the church.

The life of Trinity Parish is sustained by the faithful witness of her people from generation to generation. Worship, outreach, music, teaching, fellowship and giving of time and resources are all hallmarks of Christian life which have been passed from decade to decade. That trust is now passed to us as we look forward to serving Christ in a new millennium.

It is indeed my joy and privilege to extend my greetings to everyone in our parish as we celebrate the milestones of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of our parish church and the two hundred and sixteenth year of continuous Anglican worship and presence in this community. May God continue to bless us as we remain faithful followers of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Ross Moulton +

The Venerable Ross Moulton
Archdeacon of Cornwall and Incumbent

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Diocese of Ottawa **Anglican Church of Canada**

Archdeacon Ross Moulton
Trinity Anglican Church
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August 31, 2000

Dear Ross:

I am writing to send regrets and greetings. Unfortunately, Maria and I will not be able to attend the 125th Anniversary Celebrations on September 10, 2000. Christ Church, Ingleside-Long Sault will be holding 90th birthday celebrations for Roger Alexander, our bell ringer-emeritus! Our parish intercessions will include a petition of thanksgiving for the life and witness of Trinity Church parish on your special anniversary day.

I am honoured to send greetings on behalf of both the people of Christ Church, Ingleside-Long Sault and the parishes of Stormont Deanery. St. Paul's exhortation to rejoice with those in joy and weep with the sorrowful (Romans 12: 15) applies not only to the life of the body of Christ in local parishes, but also to our life together in the Deanery and Diocese. The people of Trinity, Cornwall have met a major stewardship challenge: your success is an encouragement to us all! The clergy and lay leaders of "Operation Challenge" deserve much credit, as do the many donors large and small: the glory of course, belongs to Almighty God.

The upkeep and maintenance of a church is not only a practical necessity. The appearance of our church buildings is taken by the world as a reflection of the life of the worshipping community. The success of "Operation Challenge" is a witness to the living God who makes all things new. Congratulations and every blessing on this special occasion!

Yours in Christ.

Fr. Peter +

The Reverend Peter Crosby
Incumbent Priest, Regional Dean,
and proud former Trinity Assistant Curate.

Incumbent Great Spirit Island Parish
The Reverend Canon J. Bain Peever B.A. M.Div. Lit.

August 8, 2000

Mrs. Barbara Petepiece
Rector's Warden
Trinity Anglican Church
Cornwall, Ontario

Dear Barbara:

What a pleasant surprise it was to receive your letter last week, outlining your 125th Anniversary celebrations, and the exciting news that you have refurbished this venerable old building. How very kind of you to invite all the old rectors to come and be part of the rededication event with your new bishop, Peter Coffin. I would have loved to have been present to share in this celebration, and to visit with former parishioners. However, I have already made plans to visit the Holy Land and Greece during that period of time.

Please extend to the wonderful congregation of Trinity Church, Cornwall, my best wishes and congratulations for doing this outstanding work on the venerable old building which has served the congregation for these past 125 years. This old church has served as a wonderful base for the parishioners for worship and for reaching out into the community and beyond, in the name of Christ Jesus. I have fond memories of my enjoyable time as rector of this parish. Thinking about your upcoming celebrations makes me remember the exciting time we had during our 1984 bi-centennial and the visit of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth and her husband, Prince Phillip. As well, the church and its parish family and the community afforded my wife, Dale, and I a unique place to raise our children and enjoy the many friends and associates which we made at that time. I thank God for this opportunity. May God continue to encourage and support this Christian community of Trinity Church, Cornwall, not only on this 125th anniversary, but on into the future. God Bless you. We will be thinking of you from Greece on your day of celebration. Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

With every best wish,

The Rev. Canon J. Bain Peever
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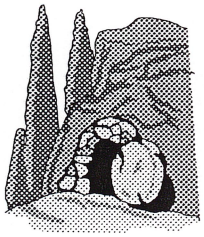

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July 10, 2000

Dear Barbara,

Thank you for your letter of July 1st. about the upcoming celebration marking the 125th anniversary of Trinity Anglican Church in Cornwall. Daphne and I would have been happy to attend the celebration on September 10th however, as you suggested, my responsibilities here at the Church of the Resurrection will make it impossible for us to attend.

Since we still get to visit a few friends in Cornwall we have been hearing about the restoration of the interior of the church this summer. We have already admired the work that has been completed on the outside. Perhaps we will get a chance to see the finished project later in the Fall.

Your historic church has much to celebrate with the long years of contribution to the community and to the individual lives of many in Cornwall and surrounding area. While the Church building stands as a witness to the years of serving the Gospel, what I admire is the living heritage of the ministry the congregation has provided to the members and community at large. While I was Rector of the parish, I was always proud of the contribution made by so many towards enriching the life of those who looked to Trinity Church for leadership.

May our Lord and Saviour continue to bless the ministry to which you are called and may God continue to lead you into even more exciting and challenging areas of ministry in the future.

Yours in Christ,

Canon Wayne G. Thomas
(former Rector)

Congratulations & Best Wishes

on Your 125th Anniversary of
the building of Bishop Strachan Memorial
(Trinity Anglican Church)

I'm with you in Spirit!

Former Curate Joyce(Blackburn)

Dear Barbara and People of Trinity,

Thanks for your invitation to your 125th anniversary of your church building. Alas, I cannot attend as I will (D.V.) Be taking two services at our newest parish, The Church of the Epiphany in Gloucester.

I have many happy memories of my two years of ministry at Trinity and of the people of the parish and their kindness to me as a newly ordained deacon and priest and of the two rectors whom I served — Archdeacon Clarke and Archdeacon Christie.

May the lord continue to bless the parish and its people.

To Jesus be the glory and praise,
Cameron Cairns

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My Dear Friends,

It was with great anticipation and pleasure I received a letter from Trinity. Opening it, I was both pleased and honoured to receive an invitation to attend the 125th anniversary of Trinity Church building.

Unfortunately and regretfully, I cannot attend this auspicious event on the 10th of September. It so happens, I have booked a flight to visit family between September 20th and October 15th. Anyway, I will certainly be visiting in Cornwall sometime during my stay and looking forward to renewing old acquaintances and meeting new ones. I will also be anxious to see the extensive renovation made to Trinity since I last visited.

You asked that I send a message to the congregation, to be included in the commemorative souvenir to be distributed later in the year, for which I feel honoured.

"What can I say that would be adequate to express my feelings? Only that the Trinity family is dear to my heart. All the good faith, kindness and understanding has served as a foundation to build on and I treasure those memories more than I can say. The membership in the choir I thoroughly enjoyed. It was another way of being part of the great Trinity family — it really was an extended family in many ways.

I am very fortunate as I have many happy memories of clergy, choirmasters, and parishioners at Trinity."

Although I cannot be with you all on the 10th, I will be celebrating with you in spirit. A joyful celebration to all!

Sincerely,
Donna Smith
(former Parish Secretary)

Dear Barbara,

Thank you so much for your letter advising me of the special Service of Celebration to be held on September 10th and for your invitation to join the congregation of Trinity Memorial on that eventful day.

I look forward very much to being with you at that service — and I do hope that many other clergy who have served in the Parish will also be able to attend. I do regret that my dear wife Isabel, who gave so much of her energy and concern to the development of the Parish life at Trinity, will not be there. She was very fond of and happy in her life and time at Trinity.

If I can in any way assist in making the Celebration a memorable event, please ask me to do it.

Sincerely in Christ,
P. Sydney Irwin

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Barbara Petepiece
Rector's Warden
Trinity Cornwall

Thank you for your kind invitation to participate in Trinity's celebrations on September 10th. Catherine and I would love to have been able to come, but I cannot drive that distance and flying from here to Ottawa means using oxygen and frankly, it is a bit more than I can take this summer. So we shall have to decline the invitation, but our daughter, the Reverend Christina Guest, will represent us and she will come bearing a gift for Trinity to celebrate the 125th anniversary.

The Archdeacon and I have been talking on the phone and "evil work's afoot" — since my time in Cornwall I have developed my skills in painting icons for churches that have a special reference to the (a) parish's history and journey. I have done a large number of these and thought such a painting would be appropriate for Trinity and Ross agreed. So I am beavering away and though I will not be present in body, I will be with you in spirit and the Bishop will be there to bless it (hopefully, a great surprise to the congregation) wit Christina saying the appropriate words of presentation.

Maybe later my health will be better. Until then, God bless.
The Rev. Dr. V. Bruce Pellegrin

"Follow and Feed"

The 125th Anniversary Icon of the Building of
Trinity Anglican Church, Cornwall, Ontario

There are two ways that one could tell the story of Trinity Church; the first would emphasize the congregation's struggle to build and maintain all those things that are held dear in the parish's life. The second would focus on what all this labour has been for.

The "Follow and Feed" Icon teaches us that everything that the forebears of Trinity parish laboured to achieve in the Lord's name since the arrival of the first Loyalist settlers was more than the building of beautiful memorials – it was a journey of obedience to the one who commands all generations to follow Him and to feed His sheep; in whatever way appropriate to the era and generation.

When one surveys the history of the parish, one is struck by the number of long pastoral ministries that have been at the heart of this parish's life: Stuart, Salter Mountain, Pattin, Pettit, Netton and Clarke together accounted for 110 years of service to Cornwall. It is likely that, had he not drowned while crossing the river on thin ice, the Reverend Beek Lindsay would have joined this faithful assembly.

It is because of this commitment to pastoral ministry that the "Follow and Feed" Icon lays such emphasis on, and commemorates the numberless baptisms, eucharists, homilies, acts of praise, and times of prayer that have strengthened Trinity's parishioners for ministry as the whole people of God.

At the center of the Icon is our Lord, the Good Shepherd, one hand lifted in blessing, the other holding the Book of Life. Some Icons show the Book of Life closed, thus commanding us to follow the Lord in faith. Other Icons have the Book of Life open at the words of St. John "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father except through me".

The Book of Life makes our journey obvious and beautiful. It is for this reason that the Icon is brightly coloured and enriched with gold leaf, and semi-precious stones, and abalone shells. These remind us that whether our journey is taken in faith or celebrated in the Lord's guiding light, we are His and He is ours.

This parish has suffered many times of struggle and difficulty, but this Icon is a tribute of Jesus' words to Peter that "the gates of hell shall never prevail".

V.B.H. Pellegrin
10 September, 2000.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

434 Second St. West, Cornwall, Ont. K6J 1H1
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July 21 2000

Dear Barbara:

Thank you for the invitation to be with you at Trinity on September 10th. However, since I am alone for worship at St. Francis, I cannot attend. I have 9:30 and 11:00 worship here. Thank you for thinking of me. I will include Trinity in our general intercessions on the weekend of the 9th and 10th of September.

in Christ,

R. Gary Dettler

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September 6, 2000.

The Venerable Ross Moulton, Rector,
Trinity Anglican Church,
105 Second Street West,
Cornwall, Ontario.

Dear Ross:

On the eve of the celebration of the 125th year of your current place of worship, we send you warmest greetings on behalf of the Session and Congregation of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall.

We have been aware of your plans both this year and last, for renovation of your facilities, and we are sure you are full of joy that such have now been completed. You have made beautiful and attractive your House of God, and we look forward to viewing it first hand on some future occasion.

We believe of course, as do you and your congregation, that the Church is God's People, called out for praise and service to Him, not only at this time but on all occasions. The buildings we erect and beautify and faithfully maintain through the years are never an end in themselves, but aids to our meetings with God in all circumstances of life. Yes, we could do without them, but our faith would be the poorer for their absence.

May God richly bless your forthcoming Day of Celebration and Re-Dedication, and may our congregations continue to share in that ecumenical spirit for which our Lord prayed. May God continue to enlarge the faith of Trinity and continue its witness, both in our community and beyond.

Sincerely,

Susanne Matthews
Mrs. Susanne Matthews,
Clerk of Session.

Fred Rennie
Rev. Fred Rennie,
Minister.

336 Nagel Avenue
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Ms. Barbara Petepiece,
Rector's Warden
Corporation of Trinity Anglican Church
Cornwall, ON
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August 31, 2000

Dear Barbara;

It indeed, was a great honour and privilege to be invited to Cornwall to help you celebrate the 125th anniversary of Trinity Anglican Church. Unfortunately, Ria and I both have a prior commitment, which precludes us from attending this special event.

Trinity Cornwall, has and always will hold a very special spot in the hearts of the Cooper family. It was at Trinity where our three children, Lisa, Tracy & Jennifer learned the fundamentals of Christian life through the dedication of so many church school teachers, and where we as a family made some lifelong friendships with other parishioners. We especially treasure our loving relationships with such people as Violet and the late John Mather and Bain and Dale Peever and Bruce and Alan and others.

We certainly will be with you in spirit on September 10th and we will make definite plans to visit Trinity in the very near future to renew old acquaintances and to see what wonderful things you have done in your recent restoration project (Operation Challenge).

Again, thank you for remembering us, in what must have been a long list of former parishioners of Trinity Cornwall.

Sincerely,

Lou & Ria Cooper

(Rev'd.) R.E.Thorne,
P.O.Box 149,
Harrowsmith, Ont
K0H-1V0

Barbara Petepiece; Rector's Warden:
Trinity Anglican Church, Cornwall.

AUGUST 24TH.2000:

Dear Barbara Petepiece:

Thank you for the notification of the Special Service to Commemorate the 125th. Anniversary of the present Church Building.

Unfortunately, due to a previous commitment Nadine and I will be unable to attend on Sunday September 10th.

As we reminisce on the Happy Memories at Trinity: of our Sond in the Boy's Choir; taking Evening Services; and most important for me, my Ordination as Priest, by the Late Bishop Ernest Reid, on December 2nd.1969 Assisted by the Venerables Douglas Christie and Wilfred 1radley.

May I extend to the Parish my Congratulations on your Achievements and your Continued Ministry in Cornwall. My Best Wishes, and may God continue to extend His Blessings on the Ministryy of Trinity Anglican Church Cornwall.

Yours In Christ:

R.E.Thorne,(Priest)

645 Walkerfield Ave.,
Peterborough, Ontario.K9J 4W1
September 1, 2000.

Barbara Petepiece, Rector's Warden,
Trinity Anglican Church,
105 Second St. W.,
Cornwall, On. K6J 1G4

Dear Barbara,

Thank you for the recent notice concerning the 125th anniversary celebrations being held on September 10th.

Unfortunately, Sharon and I will not be able to attend.

We have many happy memories of our years in Cornwall, and our involvement with Trinity Church between 1964 and 1972.

Because I was working at Fullerton Drugs and attending Trinity Church at the time, our wedding banns were read there prior to the ceremony in Toronto.

Our children were both baptised at Trinity Church.

Sharon and I were involved with the Barkways, Does, and others in the formation of a Parents Preschool Co-operative which operated in Trinity Parish Hall.

A wonderfully rewarding friendship with Miss Sybil Everitt began through the regular weekly bulletin distribution program.

I was privileged to serve as People's Warden during part of Archdeacon W. Bradley's tenure.

We wish you well as you celebrate this important anniversary year.

Yours truly,

D. Watkins

Don Watkins.

"And so -- we go"

An Essay to mark our 125th anniversary - with a glimpse of recent times

Contributed by a parishioner

The history of Cornwall's Trinity Church from its earliest beginnings until 1984 when we celebrated our Bicentennial, is recorded in fascinating detail by Brigadier-General William Patterson in his book, "Joyful is our Praise". At the time of its writing General Patterson, a noted historian, was a member of our Parish.

In this brief essay written here, we will do no more than outline some events that have become a part of our story since those days; a thumb-nail sketch, not a history; a small effort to recognize our pride in the one hundred and twenty-fifth birthday of our beloved Trinity, Bishop Strachan Memorial Church.

To begin, we acknowledge with gratitude, those hundreds of parishioners who throughout the years have served and continue to serve our Parish in countless different ways, giving their love and devotion in caring duty, as their God-given gifts inspire them. We cannot possibly name all these dedicated people and we have only used names when it is necessary to the story.

So it came about that in 1985, in the wake of the Bicentennial, Bishop Lackey appointed the Reverend Dr. Bruce Pellegrin to become our Rector replacing Canon Bain Peever who was moving to a parish in London, Ontario.

For several years preceding this, Father Pellegrin had worked from the Diocesan Office in Ottawa, counciling victims of alcohol and drug addiction; a field in which he was a professiional. One has to believe that the change from specialized work to the role of parish priest was challenging for Father Bruce but his success in making the adjustment is borne out by events that followed, including two major additions to the Church property.

The first of these came with the planning and building of a Senior Citizen Residence adjacent to the Church; it was perhaps the most significant contribution that Trinity had ever made to the community as a whole.

Larry Keen Sr. who was appointed Chairman of the Board for the residence has kindly provided us with information on the project from its inception. He confirms, "The idea was Father Pellegrin's. He wanted to make a worthwhile contribution to our Outreach." The land behind the Rectory, had been vacant since fire destroyed the Mountain Hall in 1962 and was

available. The City's need for "rent geared to income" accommodation for seniors, was critical.

The cost of the building was estimated at $2.8 million, with the land to be leased from the Church. During the two and a half years of planning and construction Mr. Keen tells us, "There was wonderful cooperation between the board and government."

The six-story building has fifty units including four with handicapped access and seven for rent at market value. The remaining units are subsidized. Five units in the building have two-bedrooms.

It is the duty of the Board to approve all tenants, following Provincial Guidelines. Since the operation is non-denominational, applicants need not be members of Trinity Church or of the Anglican faith.

For the name of the residence, Father Bruce chose "The Beek Lindsay House". This was a tribute to the Reverend John Gerbrand Beek Lindsay, a Rector of the first church here, who died tragically in 1845 after attending a parishioner suffering from cholera and as a result became infected himself.

Of the Reverend Beek Lindsay, who for eleven years before coming to Cornwall was the minister of the church in Williamsburg, we quote from James Croil's history, "Dundas", written in 1861:

"To the inexpressible grief of his Congregation he removed in July 1844 to Cornwall, where he died in October 1845, at the age of 37, leaving the whole countryside to mourn his loss. His name and Christian worth will survive, long after those who knew him, have themselves disappeared."

Beek Lindsay was married to Harriet, a daughter of the Reverend Salter Mountain, the Rector here from 1817 until his death in 1830. The Lindsays' had six children. As a grievous postscript, it happened that in the year following their Father's death, three of the Lindsays' sons, while skating on the Cornwall Canal, fell through the ice and were drowned.

Over the decade or more of its operation, The Beek Lindsay House has stood as a proud symbol of our Outreach to the entire Community. The official opening took place in October 1988, attended by our Bishop, the Right Reverend Edwin Lackey, local dignitaries, members of the Board and residents of the Building. It is sad, that before that day Father Pellegrin was forced into retirement by illness and could not attend. Our new Rector and Archdeacon of Cornwall, the Venerable Fred Allen, took his place.

The second important structural addition of Father Pellegrin's time came when a spire was added to the tower of the Church. This project, included in the architects original plans, was not completed earlier due to structural difficulties. Credit for the late addition, was in large part the fulfillment of a dream. For many years, Mr Ben Stidwill whose wife, Kay, is a surviving

member of the celebrated Mountain family, had worked quietly to achieve the goal. For everyone else, plans for the spire had been abandoned when the tower upon which it was to be placed subsided after the ground below it settled. It was decided then, that no more weight could be added .to the structure.

Ben Stidwill however, would not accept this. Through diligent research into new materials, he learned of a company in the United States that had found that by using lighter materials it was possible to achieve success in construction problems of this kind.

At Mr Stidwill's invitation and supported by Trinity's long time Chimer, Burton Heward, a group of interested Parishioners met and after they had studied the researches, decided to raise funds and proceed with the addition.

It was about this time that our beloved Father John Mather, Chaplain to the Area Hospitals decided to retire and to fill the vacancy the Reverend Peter Riddell joined us as a member of Trinity clergy. Like Father John, Father Peter was ideally suited for this work, possessing as he did a warm and compassionate disposition. It was then too, that a new Curate came to Trinity, a deacon, the Reverend Shane Parker, who quickly showed himself to be a young man of exceptional qualities. Within the months that followed, illness forced Father Bruce to retire and Father Shane, supported by Father Peter took over leadership of the Parish. They made a wonderful team working together to follow the needs of the Parish and its people. Within the next few months, Father Shane was ordained to the priesthood and the Bishop appointed the Reverend Fred Allen to become our Rector and Archdeacon of Cornwall. To our regret, Father Peter then transferred to pastoral care in Toronto.

Father Fred Allen who was unmarried, quickly became a favourite with our Parish. His ready smile and friendly disposition won our hearts. He was a gentle person who throughout his time here, served us well. His hobby, away from duties at Church, was for models, old trains, street cars and anything else on wheels that carried people. He set up a miniature railway in the attic of the Rectory where we suspect he retired when life became unduly frustrating!

It was Father Fred who helped us to adjust to the unexpected retirement of Father Bruce. Unfortunately, within what seemed like a very short time, the Bishop asked Father Fred to become Rector of a church in Ottawa where he moved to our sincere regret. It was with deep sorrow that we learned within only a few years, of his death at a still-young age.

The new Rector, Father Wayne Thomas joined us with his wife Daphne.

He, now became the Archdeacon of Cornwall.

It was during Father Wayne's incumbency that we burned the mortgage on the Parish Hall, an accomplishment of considerable benefit to our cash flow. The mortgage had been taken out to help to finance the Hall Rebuilding Project in 1979. Over time, the mortgage payments became a hardship, curtailing our ability to proceed with current programmes. In order to raise new money to pay off the mortgage, a committee was formed with excellent results. Success was achieved by selling "shares" valued at twenty-five dollars each, to members of the Congregation and also by offering special Memorial Gift Certificates to the Parish. The program ran for two years and happily by the end of that time, sufficient money had been donated to eliminate the mortgage.

The Mortgage Burning Ceremony took place in February, 1992.

Another important change that came about during those years involved the famous Mountain Chimes. In 1995 Mrs. Linda Kyte, donated a Carillon Keyboard and Programmable Clock-Control for the chimes in memory of her late husband Reginald, a well loved member of the Parish for all his life.

Trinity continued to progress and years flew by. Too soon it seemed, we learned that Father Wayne was leaving -- to go to a parish in Ottawa.

It was then that we welcomed to Trinity our present Rector and Archdeacon, the Venerable Ross Moulton with his wife, Donna, and their two young daughters, Laura and Emma. The Moultons decided not to move into the Rectory and instead bought their own home opening for the Parish the opportunity make use of the former Rectory for outreach to the community. In this we are pleased now to welcome the Tri-County Literacy Council who have established the house as their headquarters.

Very early in his ministry Father Ross learned that major repairs were required to the structure of the Church. Unfortunately this would involve a total restructuring necessitating a fundraising campaign to raise the massive sum of $650,000. Of this, $200,000 would come from the Congregation in pledges payable over three years and the remainder from bequests. that until then had been held in Diocesan Trusts.

In 1999 it was a joy for us all to welcome the Reverend Christine Piper when she was appointed to become our Assistant Curate.

So, to close our story, we will offer another happy thought! Soon now, on the day when all the work of our present renovation, "Operation Challenge", is completed, tools removed, workers gone, our own Trinity, Bishop Strachan Memorial Church, will have a brand new look, closer than ever before, spire included, to that envisioned by those who made the plans for it, one hundred and twenty-five years ago!

"***Joyful is our Praise.***"